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WARNES TAX LAW

New Burdens — Taxing Officials Should be Selected By The Taxpayer not the Tax Spenders—Figures From Report of Fulton County Auditor.

No more graphic demonstration of the fact that the people are more capable of electing their officials than the Governor is of appointing them can be found, than in the comparison of the assessment of personal property in the years 1911, 1912, 1913, under the County Auditor aided by elective assessors, with the cost under Warnes Law appointive officials in 1914.

In 1911, the duplicate for Fulton County was \$35,540,630, the cost of getting it under auditor being \$1,539. In 1912 the duplicate was \$36,385,770, the cost of getting it being \$1,098. The Auditor increasing the duplicate \$185,140 at an increased cost of \$159. The duplicate of 1913 was \$37,207,330 and cost \$1,898 to get it. The duplicate therefore, was increased \$282,560 but the cost of getting it was DECREASED \$600.

In 1914, the appointive tax board with aid of the State Tax Commission secured a duplicate of \$38,949,070. The appointive officials had the immense advantage of taking property as possessed the first Monday in February instead of the first Monday in April. This caught the farmers with live stock on hand, often with notes outstanding for same. With all these advantages the appointive tax board only increased the duplicate \$608,340 above the average increase under the auditor and elected assessors, while the cost of assessing and other expenses created by the Warnes Law is \$4083, an increase over cost of 1913 of \$2,349.

Fulton County pays a handsome sum for the privilege of having her taxing officials appointed by his Majesty, King James the first. Governor Cox called a special session of the Legislature to reduce the state tax for support of schools and roads. After much bluster it was heralded over Ohio that he had cut the state levy in two and saved the people thousands of dollars. Here are the facts. In 1912 the state levy was .451 of a mill. The Cox controlled Legislature increased it to .487 of a mill. The same Cox bossed Legislature, in a special session called for this purpose, cut the state tax levy to .456, a saving over the levy of 1912 of .001 of a mill or one cent on \$1000. Great business for a King!

The insulting part of the miserable story is, that Governor Cox in his effort to discredit the judgment of the people in electing their officials gave his own praises over cutting the State tax levy in two and ordered the people to demand the same from the local taxing officials, meaning, of course, the auditors. He was quite willing to cast suspicion on the 52 democratic auditors to make capital for himself, but he purposely failed to say that his controlled Legislature added new expenses for the local tax payers to bear.

Fulton County must pay \$2000.00 for mother's pensions; \$1600.00 for pensions for the blind; \$6044 to State insurance fund for laborers; \$1500.00 County share of salaries of 2 district superintendents; \$1500.00 for salary and expenses of County superintendent; \$515.13 from the scant school funds to the plethoric state insurance fund; \$1168.47 state levy for roads; \$2,349 increased cost of getting duplicate under Warnes law; a total of \$10,951.54 new expenses the County never had before. Teachers made vigorous fight against the school local funds being robbed to pay into state fund but were treated with contempt by Governor Cox. One may favor all or a part of these expenses but the

fact remains they must be borne.

Fulton County is not peculiar in her situation. Every county so far reporting shows a similar situation. Questions were sent each Auditor in Ohio, through an impartial taxpayer in the County. It is a significant fact that democratic auditors seem to be acting under instructions not to answer these questions. Is it possible that King James the First arrogates to himself the power to forbid County Auditors disclosing the exact situation to the taxpayers? Is it possible that he looks on the State levy and the general revenue fund as his personal asset, forces the Warnes tax officials to do his bidding, but also closes the door on public records? It seems so.

To meet this situation and to aid others in retiring to private life all those who aided in enacting this obnoxious law, The OHIO LAND OWNERS LEAGUE was organized whose motto is "Taxing officials should be selected by the taxpayers, not the tax spender."

Governor Cox compares the cost of assessing property in 1910 with 1914. Why not be fair? In 1910 both real and personal property was assessed in 1914 personal only was taken. In 1915 and thereafter, until the odious Warnes Law is repealed, both real and personal will be assessed.

MARY E. LEE, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio Land Owners League

REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

Despite the assertions of the Cox newspapers that the Governor's trips have been productive of much interest, it is well known here that the state have been comparatively small, regardless of the fact that advantage has been taken of sales and other gatherings. In many of the nominally strong Democratic counties the Governor's receptions have been woefully lacking in enthusiasm—Cox appointees and their friends making up a considerable percentage of the crowds in many places. The Governor's charges against the record of Frank B. Willis have been so completely answered that the people are now paying little attention to what the Governor is saying. Much resentment has been aroused over the state by the Governor's interference in local taxing conditions, and the people generally believe that the figures which the Governor quotes do not represent the real facts over the state. Here in Columbus the attempt of the Wolfe newspapers to place a false light on the general political situation, blaming Cox and Garfield and deriding Willis, is thoroughly understood, especially since H. P. Wolfe one of the owners of the papers, and the brother of "Bob" Wolfe, received a lucrative federal bank appointment a few days ago through the influence of Governor Cox; and the political reports in these papers are accordingly much discredited.

On the other hand, Frank B. Willis has everywhere been met by the largest audiences and the greatest enthusiasm in Ohio in the last decade. Not since the Presidential campaign of 1888 has a Republican candidate been so aroused by any political rally as it was by the 97 mile trip which Mr. Willis made in this county a few days ago. At Alliance more than a thousand men stood in the rain to hear Willis speak. At Canton he was greeted by more than 1500. His audience in Cleveland and Columbus have packed the meeting rooms—and it has been similar all over the state. Everywhere Mr. Willis has been accorded a rousing reception and his presentation of the issues has stirred the people. Like reports are to be made of the Harding meetings. That Mr. Harding will overwhelmingly defeat Mr. Hogan for the Senatorship is now practically assured.

Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh is itself an antiseptic and the use of any other remedy before applying it is unnecessary.

SOIL AND COWS

How Two Fulton County Dairymen Succeeded by Studying Cause and Effect. How George Waldeck and Oliver Miller Made Dairying Pay.

By J. J. Mojonner

That a herd of good registered and grade cows pays better than any other line on the average farm about Delta, is clearly shown by the fine record of Mr. George Waldeck's and Mr. Oliver Miller's herd. Their herd of 10 cows averaged 10,600 lbs. cow last year, besides producing enough milk to supply the family and to raise three heifer calves and a colt. The total receipts from milk and calves sold and raised from this herd were \$1978. The receipts from the cows represent approximately 64 per cent of the total income from this farm. Besides this, the increased crops resulting annually from the application of the manure produced by their cows, would very nearly pay for the labor of one hired man upon their farm.

The farm consisting of 86 acres, is cropped as follows: Alfalfa, 11 acres. Corn, 17 acres. Wheat, 11 acres. Oats 18 acres. Pasture, 8 acres. Meadow, 10 acres. Woods, orchard, buildings, 11 acres.

All feeds are produced on the farm. The wheat land is seeded to timothy in the fall and to clover in the spring and this makes pasture after the wheat is threshed until late fall. They get two cuttings of hay from this pasture the next year apply manure and then plant corn. They complete the rotation with oats; then wheat and then alfalfa. They have no silo but intend to build one. They have good success with alfalfa.

Their success with their herd is due to their selection of good cows of the strictly dairy type and in feeding those cows good roughage and plenty of grain to hold up a high flow of milk the year around. The cows freshen in the fall and winter and this makes pasture after the wheat is threshed until late fall. They get two cuttings of hay from this pasture the next year apply manure and then plant corn. They complete the rotation with oats; then wheat and then alfalfa. They have no silo but intend to build one. They have good success with alfalfa.

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EVIDENCE OF DESPERATION.

Never in Ohio's history has a Governor of this state and his administration aides permitted to prevent defeat, as are seen in this campaign.

Willful misrepresentation has been indulged in by almost every Democratic speaker, evidently, with the Governor's consent, in an effort to offset the powerful attack upon the present administration being made by Hon. Frank B. Willis and the constantly increasing forces behind him.

An example of this campaign of falsification is found in the literature distributed by the Governor's henchmen, to the effect that Willis voted against the direct election of U. S. Senators by the people.

Not only did Willis vote for the direct election of U. S. Senators' measure but he supported it loyally. (For confirmation see House Journal 1900 page 749.)

Again, the Governor by insinuation through carefully refraining from direct charge, is seeking to give the impression that Willis was subservient to Standard Oil interests in the Ohio Legislature 14 years ago and that he sought to kill his own measure for investigation of the trusts, by having it referred to the judiciary committee.

The newspapers of Ohio at the date of this so-called action recount in glowing terms the fight made by Willis on the floor of the house against having his resolution referred to the judiciary committee. If Governor Cox expects to hold the confidence of Ohio people by seeking through insinuation, to cast stigma upon so clean and honorable an opponent as the people of the state know Frank B. Willis to be, he is soon to learn that he is greatly mistaken. His disillusionment is not far off.

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OFFICE COMMON PLEAS JUDGE.

In the judgment of the writer, the most important question the people of Fulton County have to pass upon on November 3rd, is the question of which one of the candidates shall preside over the proceedings in our common pleas court in this county. No person can know how soon he may be dragged into litigation, no matter how exemplary his conduct may be or how careful he is in his business transactions. Remember that the man you elect will hold this position for SIX YEARS. If you make a mistake, that mistake cannot be righted for SIX YEARS.

Nothing in this election can be so important as to make the proper selection for judge. You know, or can know, the qualifications and reputation, not only for ability but for integrity and honesty of every one of these candidates. Nothing urged in this campaign by POLITICAL FRIENDS should have weight as against the things I have mentioned. You may at any time be forced into litigation that may involve not only your personal liberty, but your property, the earnings of a lifetime. An erroneous ruling, whether from ignorance of the law or made by reason of prejudice, may give the opposite party the right to carry the case to a higher court and secure a reversal against you and double the costs to you, no difference how clearly you are right.

Consider these questions well before you cast your ballot for judge. Then vote for the man that your calm judgment dictates, and the right man will be elected to preside over our courts for the next six years.

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER. The ladies of the M. E. church will serve their Annual Chicken Pie Supper, Thursday evening, November 5th. Everybody is cordially invited. 28-2

For lame shoulder rub in and rub on Hanford's Balsam thoroughly.

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Below is an exact sample of the Official Ballot for the Constitutional Amendments, as it will be voted November 3d.

It is also marked, showing how to vote against the BREWERS' HOME RUIN AMENDMENT, and in favor STATE WIDE PROHIBITION.

THE FULTON COUNTY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution	
Yes	ARTICLE XV, SECTION 9a Home Rule on the Subject of Intoxicating Liquors.
X No	
Yes	ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 1 AND 2 Limitation of the Tax Rate and for the Classification of Property for Purposes of Taxation.
No	
Yes	ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 To Extend the Suffrage to Women.
No	
X Yes	ARTICLE XV, SECTION 9 Prohibition of the Sale, Manufacture for Sale and Importation for Sale of Intoxicating Liquor as a Beverage.
No	

Cut this ballot out and take it with you into the booth and you can't make a mistake.

COUNTY AFFAIRS

Orders Drawn, Land Deals, New Cases In Court, Marriage Licenses, Probate Court, Etc.

Probate Court. Estate of Harvey Collins, first and final account confirmed. Executor discharged.

Guardianship of Harry Raymond, first and final account confirmed. Guardianship of Louella Sayles, final account confirmed. Guardian discharged.

Guardianship of Olga M. Schnetzler, first partial account confirmed. Estate of Albe C. Ely, inventory and appraisal filed.

Guardianship of Joseph Rupp, fourteenth partial account filed. Hearing set for November 23rd, 1914. Guardianship of Christian Rupp, 12th partial account filed. Hearing set for November 23rd, 1914.

Guardianship of John Wile, inventory filed.

C. L. Allen as Adm. W. W. A. of the estate of Mary E. Stahl, deceased vs William E. Stahl, report of public sale of real estate filed and confirmed. Deed ordered.

Will of Jacob Binder, application for probate filed. Hearing set for Oct. 27th, 1914, one o'clock p. m.

Estate of Martin C. Palmer, report of sale of note returned, filed and confirmed.

Will of David J. Diebrow. Hearing held and testimony of Henry H. Ham taken and commissioner appointed to take testimony of absent witness.

Estate of Martin C. Palmer, first and final account filed. Hearing set for November 23rd, 1914.

Marriage Licenses. Glen V. Soule, 29, merchant, and Otha I. Sullinger, 24, both of Wauseon, Ohio.

Fred Waterbury, 25, farmer, Blissfield, Michigan, and Florence L. Clough, 18, Metamora, Ohio. New Cases in Common Pleas Court.

Elizabeth Rhoad vs The Village of Swanton, Charles F. Trowbridge and John Zeigler, action to collect damages, amount claimed, \$3000.

Real Estate Transfers. Otto Schlegel to Fred Grandy, lot 35, Beachwood addition, Wauseon, \$900.

W. W. Clapp and wife to O. H. Gun, lot 24, Pray's addition, Delta, \$1, and exchange of property.

Charles P. Grisler and wife to Joseph J. and Emma C. Nis, parts of lots 17 and 73, Livermore and Mann's addition Wauseon, \$1500.

John J. Leitner and wife to Fred J. Volmer and Mertie E. Volmer, 60 acres section 32 York township, \$1.

Peter Reining and wife to Garry Frise, 40 acres, section 27, Chesterfield township, \$1.

Harry Kulp and wife to Oliver McLain, part of lot 101, John Newcomer's addition, Wauseon, \$1.

Lincoln H. Carter and wife to Ashley J. Carter, 80 acres, section 26, Swan Creek township, \$5000.

Frank S. Harman and Dora Harman to Mary M. Dinius, part of lot 24, Gates and Kennedy's addition, Delta, \$2800.

David Morningstar and wife to Althea Orndorff and Emily T. Orndorff, part of lot 22, Barber's addition, Wauseon, \$2400.

Emma E. Miley and Zenas R. Miley to Elizabeth Morningstar, part of lot 10, Barber's addition, Wauseon, \$1.

C. L. Allen and wife to H. A. Pawling and Mrs. Minnie Pawling, part lot 4, Block 4, Humphrey's addition, Fayette, \$2000.

John Diegel to Theda D. Barnes, parcel of land, section 12, Clinton township, \$800.

Warrants Drawn. Otis W. The Co., material \$ 75.00
O. J. Dodge, Dist. Supt. 120.00
C. E. Weber, same 140.00
M. E. Matter, same 180.00
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What The Judges Say:

Judge Davis, 13 years Supreme Court Judge, says:

"It would take away from the people power to prohibit traffic either by legislation or local option except municipal corporations or in a township containing municipal corporations."

Judge Henry, seven years Circuit Judge, Cleveland

"The proposed amendment prohibits state-wide Prohibition by legislative enactment, specifically destroys county option and nullifies all state laws prohibiting the sale of liquor to drunks, minors, or in other ways now prohibited by law."

Judge Wildman, of the Circuit Court:

"The so-called Home Rule amendment was drawn with cunning care or purposely to imperil the law against Sunday selling, sale to minors and all existing or future legislation of a prohibitory character."

Circuit Judge Hurin:

"It takes from the legislature the power to pass prohibitory laws of township, county or state-wide effect. It takes from the people their right to act on such laws by initiative and referendum."

United State Judge

Killits:

"All laws on the statute books of general application throughout the state—which seek to minimize its evil effects—will be in jeopardy."

Judge Gottlieb Bambach, of Brown County, says:

"Who can anticipate the pernicious result which might and most likely would follow so radical a reversal of the state's attitude toward the liquor traffic. The proposition is a vain attempt to check the onward march of business sentiment; but shows the brazen nature of the defenders of the vilest slavery that has ever degraded mankind. The overwhelming defeat of this monstrous proposition should be the aim of every citizen who believes in good government."

Judge John M. Brodrick, Common Pleas Judge, of Union County, says:

"By adopting the proposed amendment there would be such grave danger of interfering with, or prohibiting, the legislature from exercising its police powers as to give absolute license to liquor dealers to sell to persons in the habit of becoming intoxicated, or to minors, as would overthrow the peace and good order of every community."

DANGEROUS

IS THE SO-CALLED "HOME RULE" AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED BY THE LIQUOR INTEREST BECAUSE

FIRST: It seeks to surrender and take away from the people THEIR RIGHT TO LEGISLATE in relation to the liquor traffic. The voter is not asked to enact a law in relation to the traffic, but to voluntarily surrender all right of himself and the people of the State to legislate or enact laws prohibiting the sale, furnishing or giving away intoxicating liquors in the State or a subdivision thereof, except in Municipal Corporations or a Township outside of a Municipal Corporation therein.

SECOND: It seeks to annul section 2 of article 1 of the Constitution by giving the liquor traffic a certificate of immunity from any and all interference by law, whether enacted by the people or the Legislature.

THIRD: It seeks to give privileges to the liquor business that no other business has. What would you do Mr. Voter, if an amendment should be offered to take away your right to control Trusts, Monopolies and big business? This so-called "Home Rule" amendment is the first step in that direction.

FOURTH: It is the beginning of studied attempt to repeal and annul the provision of the constitution giving the people the right to Legislate through the Initiative and Referendum. Under this provision the people have the right at any general election to repeal the Base County Local Option or any other law to enact or repeal any local option, regulatory, prohibitory or other law. By the proposed amendment the people are not asked merely to repeal or enact a law; but to surrender and give up their right to enact such laws—to repeal the provision of the Initiative and Referendum in so far as it applies to this phase of the liquor traffic. If the Initiative and Referendum is a wise and beneficial provision in the interest of the people and this government, why exempt the liquor traffic from its operation. If the Rose County Local Option law is not a wise and beneficial law, let the wisdom and expediency of its repeal be submitted to the people without asking the people to surrender this valuable right. Is not this demand the first step in a plan designed to take away the right of the people to control all business?

FIFTH: It is placed before the people under the catch title of "Home Rule" which is but a subterfuge to mislead and conceal the real purpose to repeal or jeopardize all existing laws for the regulation and control of the liquor traffic, which in effect is not "Home Rule" but Home Ruin.

SIXTH: The proposed amendment is so worded that the ablest lawyers of the State do not agree as to its purport and meaning. Attorney General Hogan says "Our department is agreed that the amendment is awkwardly drawn. There is no reason why it should not have been clear." Why is it not clear? Above we give the opinion of eminent jurists as to whether the proposed amendment will not repeal the existing and prevent the enactment of any future regulatory liquor laws.

If the opinion of these jurists is well founded, then the adoption of this proposition will repeal the license provision of the Constitution and all laws passed thereunder. It will go further and repeal laws prohibiting sales on Sunday, to minors, intoxicated persons; at fairs and reunions, etc.

It will also repeal the Dow Assessment Law Tax, and relieve the liquor interests of a tax of over one-half million dollars. Voters have a right to assume that this Amendment has been obscurely worded to cover up this REAL purpose. That is why the Brewery Combine and Distillers Trust is spending thousands for its success.

The wording of a constitutional amendment should be so clear and explicit that any voter could judge for himself what its meaning is. He should not have to depend on the opinions of lawyers who themselves cannot agree as to what it means. The Courts, in the end will have to decide what this amendment means. Giving everyone credit for honesty, how can the voter know what THEIR OPINION is going to be. Will it be the same as that now given by lawyers favorable to the Liquor Trust, or will it agree with the opinions of those eminent jurists who are confident it will nullify all our regulatory laws.

HOW CAN THE VOTER KNOW? It is DANGEROUS to put into our Constitution a Chinese Puzzle, about which lawyers cannot agree but which all admit, means the surrender of the people's rights, and added power to one of our most dangerous Monopolies.

THE HOME DEFENDERS LEAGUE OF FULTON COUNTY